

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 18, with the following amended paragraph.

Fig. 2 shows the state when the printer unit 120 is open. As shown in Fig. 2, the upper outer cover 122 is provided with a platen roller holder 124 at an end 122a thereof. The platen roller holder 124 holds a platen roller ~~49~~ 125 such that the platen roller 49 can rotate freely. The platen roller holder 124 is detachably attached to the upper outer cover 122.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ~~14~~, line 11, with the following amended paragraph.

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The construction of a connecting spring 133<sub>b</sub> is similar to the connecting spring 133<sub>1b</sub>. The elastic connecting spring ~~133<sub>b</sub>~~ 133<sub>3b</sub> has two connecting members 134<sub>b</sub> and 135<sub>b</sub> on either sides and the connection pin 132<sub>a</sub> is fitted to the connecting spring 133<sub>b</sub>.